



**PEAR BLOSSOM ROUTE**—Shown above are the pear blossom routes outlined by the county agent and festival officials. Heavy black line indicates the suggested routes. Recommended as the best areas are the eastern route and orchards in the Table Rock area. Full bloom period should be reached by mid-week, but tours are suggested for this week end and next week end. There are more than 10,000 acres of pears in the Medford-Ashland district.

## Municipal Judge Prepares Paper Explaining Rights of Defendants

Persons charged with violating some law appearing before the Medford municipal court will now be advised of their "rights in court" from an explanation prepared by Municipal Judge Noreen Kelly. It will be made available to defendants starting Monday.

The report explains to those charged their rights and duties in court, the implications of their actions and plea in court and their right of appeal and representation.

Miss Kelly pointed out an explanation of "rights in court" was formulated for Medford after a similar report had been prepared for the Salem municipal court. She said the Salem report was prepared after controversy developed there that the municipal court was no more than a "kangaroo court."

The explanation of rights is as follows:

"You are here today in response to a charge of violating some law. This is possibly your first experience in court and it is desired that you be fully advised of your rights and duties, and that every person who comes here receive fair consideration and impartial treatment in conformity with the highest ideals of American justice.

**Charges Read**

"When your name is called, come forward to a position facing the Judge. The Judge will read to you the charge against you and will ask whether you plead 'guilty' or 'not guilty' to the charge. You have the right to consult your attorney before entering a plea. If you do not fully understand the complaint, you may ask to have it explained to you.

"When you say 'guilty,' it is the same as saying 'I did violate the law as charged in the complaint.' When you say 'not guilty,' it is the same as saying, 'I did not violate the law as charged in the complaint.' When you plead 'guilty,' an immediate hearing is held and you will be given an opportunity to state any facts or extenuating circumstances concerning the case that you may desire the Court to know. You have admitted that you violated the law and all that is required is an informal hearing of all the circumstances before the Judge pronounces the penalty.

"When you plead 'not guilty,' you are entitled to a formal trial to establish the facts. The matter will be set for trial at a later date, at which time the burden will be upon the city of Medford to establish the truth of the charge against you. In every case, there is a presumption of law that you are innocent of the charge until competent evidence proves otherwise, or you enter a plea of 'guilty,' admitting the charge. You are entitled to have a lawyer represent you. Under a plea of 'not guilty,' the Court will fix bail, which must be posted to guarantee your appearance at the time of trial.

**Case To Trial**

"When your case comes to trial, the burden of proof will be on the prosecution whose witnesses will appear first and testify under oath as to the alleged facts. You (or your attorney) may question each witness upon the matter about which he has testified. When the prosecution has finished, you and your witness may testify to your version of the facts. As the defendant, you have the right to decide whether or not you wish to testify yourself; you will not be required to do so. If you do, you must answer any proper questions the prosecution may ask concerning the matter about which you have testified. After all the evidence has been heard, you have the right to present your brief argument to the Court if you wish. The Judge will then decide, from the evidence properly heard in Court, whether you are 'guilty' or 'not guilty' of the offense against you. The complaint will be dismissed if you are found 'not guilty,' if you are found 'guilty' the penalty will then be pronounced.

"If, after trial, you are not satisfied with the Judge's decision, you may appeal the case to the Circuit Court if the penalty imposed includes any jail sentence or when the fine is more than \$20.

"Every person has the right to make his own defense, without counsel, but if you are in doubt as to the proper course, it is recommended that you consult your lawyer.

"Neither the police officer, the city attorney, the judge nor the clerk gets any part of your fine. They are paid a salary and it makes no financial difference to them whether you are fined or not."

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### McMinnville Will Contested in Petition

McMinnville — (U.P.) — A will which would leave the bulk of an estate appraised at about \$500,000 to two organizations of the Catholic church is contested in a petition filed with the Yamhill County Court Friday.

The will is that of Mrs. Katherine M. Connor of Dayton, Ore., who died last September. The petition was filed by her stepdaughter, Mary Connor Meyer of Los Angeles.

Under terms of the will, after payment of about \$40,000 to various beneficiaries, the balance was to be divided between the Catholic Near East Welfare association and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York.

About 350 different crops are grown on American farms.

### Blossom Route Set For Pear Festival

Early blooming date of pears in the Rogue valley this year has prompted announcement of the Pear Blossom route as a pre-festival event, according to festival officials.

The map outlining the route follows the pattern established last year, and is published for the convenience of those not familiar with the location of the larger orchard areas.

D'Anjou pears are approaching full bloom this week end, and other varieties will reach the peak of bloom about mid-week, according to C. E. Cordy, county horticulture agent. He indicated a tour of orchard area in the vicinity of Table Rock would be colorful this week end, but that the most ideal time to take the full tour would be about Tuesday or Wednesday. Enough bloom on late varieties of pears will still be in evidence the following week end to make another tour worthwhile, Cordy said.

Festival officials said markers have been prepared and were to be placed on stakes along the route in time for use today. It was pointed out that a drive in almost any area of the valley would take those interested to orchards which make up the more than 10,000 acres in the Medford district.

### New Mayor Accepts Position in Yreka

Yreka—Mayor-elect Jim Cummings accepted the city council leadership Thursday night from retiring mayor Matthew McNeil.

Cummings was elected mayor by acclamation after being nominated for the post by Harry Friedman, city councilman. Cummings praised McNeil on his leadership during past months and declared the mayor had faced "many hard decisions."

### Milk Producers Reelect Westerberg President

Salem — Richard Westerberg of Ashland was reelected president of the Oregon Milk Producers association Thursday night at the association's annual meeting.

Lester Adams, Applegate, was reelected manager. The board of directors unanimously agreed to support the milk usage audit measure, House Bill 495.

### BEATING A COMPETITOR

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — Jake Friedman, executive of the Sands Hotel which is famous for its night club, wasn't a bit piqued at the opening of a new competitor in the casino and hotel-packed Las Vegas. He won \$50,000 at the Tropicano Casino's crap tables right after it opened.

### General Hargreaves To Speak This Week

Maj. Gen. John M. Hargreaves, medical advisor to the Oregon State Civil Defense, will discuss "Atomic Medicine" before health and medical groups in Medford and Camp White on Wednesday night and Thursday noon.

General Hargreaves, who is retired from the Air Force, has been chief surgeon of the Air Force, and was medical chief for the Far East Air Forces during the Korean conflict.

He will speak at a dinner meeting of the Jackson County Medical society at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Veterans Administration Domiciliary center, Camp White.

More than 60 Jackson county physicians and surgeons are expected to attend the meeting and inspect a mobile army surgical hospital, which will be on display, according to Dr. Wallace J. Pianka, chief medical officer of the VA domiciliary.

The unit capable of being transported on a truck, while inspected by the public, will be at the Camp White station, between 2 and 4 p.m. and 7 and 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday at building 217, Dr. Pianka said.

The retired major general also will discuss atomic radiation fallout at a noon luncheon meeting of the Jackson County Public Health association Thursday, April 11, in the Pioneer Room of the Jackson hotel.

Mrs. Henry Padgham, association president, said the public has been invited to the no-host luncheon.

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### Speaker Scheduled at Free Methodist Church

The Rev. W. S. Kendall, superintendent of the Oregon conference, will speak at the Free Methodist church, Tuesday through Thursday.

He will speak nightly at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 1266 South Peach street. He has announced, according to the Rev. John M. Root, pastor of the local church, that the Medford church will be one of a series of five churches that will be dedicated in the conference sometime this year.

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